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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES GRANTED WAGE INCREASE

1. BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1975, MORE THAN 900,000 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS WILL RECEIVE SIXTEEN PERCENT WAGE INCREASE UP TO $6,100 PESOS MONTHLY ($488 US) AND FLAT $976 PESOS ($78 US) FOR THOSE EARNING OVER 6,100 PESOS. THIS INCREASE DECREED ONE MONTH EARLIER THAN TWENTY-TWO PERCENT INCREASE GRANTED SEPT. 1, 1974. NO REASONS WERE GIVEN FOR EARLY INCREASE IN TREASURY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENT MADE JULY 6, 1975.

2. COMMENT: GOM'S LEVEL OF INCREASE WILL SET PATTERN FOR PRIVATE SECTOR WHO HAVE BEEN SIGNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS FROM TWELVE TO FIFTEEN PERCENT. ORGANIZED LABOR WILL NOW USE SIXTEEN PERCENT AS BASE LEVEL IN PLANNING THEIR DEMANDS AT EXPIRATION OF THEIR TWO-YEAR CONTRACTS OR AT THE LEGAL WAGE REOPENING PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ROSE 10.6 PERCENT FROM SEPTEMBER TO MAY, MONTHS FOR WHICH LATEST DATA IS AVAILABLE. THUS, IT IS NOT CLEAR IF INCREASE OF THIS SIZE MERITED BY PRICE INCREASES SINCE LAST HIKE. IN ANY CASE, INCREASE AND PRESSURE BY UNIONS FOR SIMILAR INCREASES WILL ADD TO INFLATIONARY PRESSURES.
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